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Crime no longer just lingers in our back yards. With the increased usage of technology, criminal threats from around the globe impact all of us. As you may already know, suspected Eastern European cybercriminals were successful in accessing personal information, including social security numbers, on as many as 780,000 people in Utah.

State agencies have statutory responsibilities, such as [2-15-114](#), MCA and [Title 2 Chapter 6, Part 5 Agency Protection of Personal Information](#), to protect and secure information that is entrusted to us. Due diligence in executing our respective programs is required to ensure that criminal attempts to destroy the integrity, availability, or confidentiality of information used to provide services to the citizens of Montana, are not successful.

I encourage all agencies to revisit your Information Security Programs and Plans and ensure that the physical and technical controls meet or exceed the legal, regulatory, contractual requirements as identified for the protection of information. Information must be protected per requirements, no matter where or how it resides. For information systems, this includes but is not limited to test, development, and production environments.

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